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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
NISHIMURA, T et al.

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Title: REACTOR FOR CATALYTIC GAS  
PHASE OXIDATION

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A shell-and-tube type reactor comprising:  
a shell in which a plurality of reaction tubes are held with a first tube sheet and a second tube sheet in the reactor;  
a raw material inlet equipped in the first tube sheet side of the shell;  
a product outlet equipped in the second tube sheet side of the shell;